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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC  
SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN ITS OFFICES ON AUGUST 23, 2017

Commission Chairman Sally A. Talberg called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.  
Executive Secretary Kavita Kale called the roll and declared there was a quorum.

**PRESENT**

Commission: Sally A. Talberg, Chairman  
Norman J. Saari, Commissioner  
Rachael A. Eubanks, Commissioner

Staff: Jana Bachman  
Kavita Kale  
Nick Assendelft  
Lisa Felice  
Al Freeman  
Jill Rusnak  
Jake Thelen  
Drew Simon  
Lynn Beck  
Heather Cantin  
Pat Poli  
Derrell Slaughter

Public: Don Hazzard  
Arloa Kaiser  
Kelly Hall, Consumers Energy  
Steve McLean, SEMCO  
Mike Torrey, Consumers Energy  
Suzy Westmoreland, MEGA  
Karen Wienke, Consumers Energy  
Candace Gonzales, Consumers Energy  
Jessica Woycehoski, Consumers Energy  
Jacob Kanclerz, MIRS

I. Commissioner Saari moved to approve today's agenda, Commissioner Eubanks seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The agenda was approved.

- II.** Commissioner Saari moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of July 31, 2017, Commissioner Eubanks seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The minutes were approved.

**III. CONSENTED ORDERS**

**A. COMMUNICATIONS**

1. U-13614 AT&T MICHIGAN AND ACN COMMUNICATIONS, LLC, f/k/a ACN COMMUNICATIONS, INC.  
U-13758 AT&T MICHIGAN AND MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES CORP., d/b/a VERIZON ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES  
U-14553 AT&T MICHIGAN AND METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF MICHIGAN, INC., d/b/a METTEL  
U-15115 AT&T MICHIGAN AND CBeyond COMMUNICATIONS, LLC  
U-18431 AT&T MICHIGAN AND ROCKFORD TELEPHONE COMPANY (interconnection agreements and amendments)
2. U-18438 CLIMAX TELEPHONE COMPANY (license expansion)
3. MINUTE ACTION FRONTIER MICHIGAN (9-1-1 wireless, U-14000)

**B. ELECTRIC**

1. U-17419 CITY OF WAKEFIELD (energy optimization plan 2016 deadline extension)
2. U-18334 NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY (energy optimization reconciliation)

**C. GAS**

1. U-18340 SEMCO ENERGY GAS COMPANY (Act 295)

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks

Nays – None

The orders and minute were adopted.

#### **IV. OTHER ORDERS**

##### **A. COMMUNICATIONS**

1. U-18432 COMMISSION’S OWN MOTION  
(show cause)

Case No. U-18432 is an investigation commenced on the Commission’s own motion into whether Negaunee Cable Co. may be in violation of the Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act. The order before you directs Negaunee Cable Co. to respond by September 20, 2017, and to appear at a prehearing conference scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on October 17, 2017. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its August 23, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

##### **B. ELECTRIC**

1. U-17771 CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY  
(energy optimization plan)

Commission Staff Pat Poli, Electric Reliability Division, presented a brief synopsis of the case listed above.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

2. U-18346 COMMISSION’S OWN MOTION  
(wind storm damage)

Commission Staff Don Mazuchowski, Operations and Wholesale Markets Division, presented a brief synopsis of the case listed above.

Commissioner Saari and Chairman Talberg complimented Consumers Energy Company and DTE Energy Company for their efforts. Commissioner Eubanks commented that leveraging the available technologies positively impacted restoration efforts.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

3. U-18393 CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY  
(renewable energy plan amendment)

Commission Staff Katie Trachsel, Electric Reliability Division, presented a brief synopsis of the case listed above.

Chairman Talberg highlighted the benefits of the green pricing pilot program for customers.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

4. U-18409 COMMISSION’S OWN MOTION  
(renewable energy plan filing requirements)

Commission Staff April Stow, Electric Reliability Division, presented a brief synopsis of the case listed above.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

**C. GAS**

1. U-18179 SEMCO ENERGY GAS COMPANY  
(second amended energy optimization plan for ’16 – ’17)

Case No. U-18179 involves an application filed by SEMCO Energy Gas Company for approval of its second amended energy optimization plan for the 24-month period of January 2016 through December 2017. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in this case. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its August 23, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

2. U-18202 SEMCO Energy Gas Company  
(Act 9 pipeline construction)

Commission Staff Nathan Miller, Operations & Wholesale Markets Division, presented a brief synopsis of the case listed above.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

3. U-18366 STARION ENERGY NY, INC.  
(AGS application)

Commission Staff Heather Cantin, Financial Analysis & Audit Division, presented a brief synopsis of the case listed above.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

4. U-18422 CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY AND CMS GENERATION  
MICHIGAN POWER LLC  
(Act 9 pipeline)

Case No. U-18422 involves a joint application by Consumers Energy Company and CMS Generation Michigan Power LLC requesting a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate the Kalamazoo River Lateral in Kalamazoo County. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its August 23, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

## **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

Sally Wallace, Regulatory Affairs Division read a prepared statement congratulating Robert Kehres, Director, Regulatory Affairs Division, on his upcoming retirement. Chairman Talberg, Commissioner Saari, and Commissioner Eubanks thanked Mr. Kehres for his public service.

An audio recording of the proceedings of the August 23, 2017 meeting is archived in podcast format at: [http://www.michigan.gov/mpsc/0,4639,7-159-16400\\_46656---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mpsc/0,4639,7-159-16400_46656---,00.html) .

Chairman Talberg announced that the next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting will be held on September 15, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission adjourn, Commissioner Eubanks seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

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Kavita Kale  
Executive Secretary